

Appendix A

(i) Amendments
in marked-up form to
Claim 18,

(ii) New Claims 21~xxxxxxxxxx, and

(iii) Status of all other claims

1~17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A cured coating composition prepared from a powder comprising a carboxyl-functional polymer and, a polyepoxy compound, and an amine selected from the group consisting of organic amines and ammonia, wherein ~~the curing of the composition is catalyzed by a nitrogen-containing compound and the composition is substantially free of catalyst residue.~~

19. (canceled)

20. (original) An article of manufacture coated by the composition of Claim 18.

21. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the carboxyl-functional polymer is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl-functional polyester resins, carboxyl-functional polyacrylate resins, carboxyl-functional polymethacrylate resins, carboxyl-functional polyamide resins, carboxyl-functional polyimide resins and carboxyl-functional polyolefin resins.

22. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the carboxyl-functional polymer is a carboxyl-functional polyester resin.

23. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the organic amine is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂ alkylamines, C₆-C₁₂ arylamines, C₇-C₁₂ alkarylamine, and C₇-C₁₂ aralkylamines.

24. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the organic amine is selected from the group consisting of methylamine, ethylamine, propylamine, butylamine, ethylenediamine, methanolamine, ethanolamine, aniline, cyclohexylamine, benzylamine, dimethylamine, diethylamine, dipropylamine, dibutylamine, dimethanolamine, diethanolamine, diphenylamine, phenylmethylamine, phenylethylamine, dicyclohexylamine, piperazine, imidazole, 2-methylimidazole, 2-ethylimidazole, 2-ethyl-4-methylimidazole, 2-isopropylimidazole, 2-phenylimidazole, 2-methylimidazoline, 2-phenylimidazoline, trimethylamine, triethylamine, dimethylhexylamine, N-methylpiperazine, dimethylbenzylamine, and dimethylaniline or mixtures thereof.

25. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the amine is in a state selected from the group consisting of vapor, liquid or dispersed in a solvent.

26. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the amine is ammonia.

27. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the amine is aqueous ammonia.

28. (new) A composition according to Claim 18 wherein the organic amine is triethylamine.

29. (new) A cured coating composition prepared from a powder comprising a carboxyl-functional polymer, a polyepoxy compound, and a non-ionic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein the composition is substantially free of catalyst residue.

30. (new) A composition according to Claim 29 wherein the carboxyl-functional polymer is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl-functional polyester resins, carboxyl-functional polyacrylate resins, carboxyl-functional polymethacrylate resins, carboxyl-functional polyamide resins, carboxyl-functional polyimide resins and carboxyl-functional polyolefin resins.

31. (new) A composition according to Claim 29 wherein the carboxyl-functional polymer is a carboxyl-functional polyester resin.

32. (new) An article of manufacture coated by the composition of Claim 29.